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UTlotlego usingatha iphathi letiye lomndeni WONKE.

“Bangaki abantu abeza ukuzophuza itiye, Gogo?”

“Uwena, yimina, uMama, noBaba. Nodadewenu omncane, uTshiamo.”

UTlotlego ubala izinkomishi zetiye ngesikhathi ezithatha ekhishini.

"Iyodwa, zimbili, zintathu, zine kanye nekaGogo!"

UTlotlego uya esitubhini lapho ebeka khona izinkomishi etafuleni.

"Iyodwa, zimbili, zintathu, zine, zi...?"

"Ngibona izinkomishi ezine kuphela," kusho uGogo,

"kodwa singabantu abahlanu."

"Ngesikhathi ngisekhishini, bekukhona izinkomishi ezinhlanu!" kubabaza uTlotlego.

UTlotlego ubala amapuleti amahle amancane ngesikhathi ewathatha ekhabetheni.

"Linye, mabili, mathathu, mane, mahlanu!

Kukhona amapuleti asilingene sonke."

UTlotlego uya esitubhini lapho
ebeka amapuleti eduze kwezinkomishi.

“Lilodwa, mabili, mathathu,
mane, ma...?”

“Ngibona amapuleti amane
kuphela,” kusho uGogo,

“kodwa singabantu abahlanu.”

UTlotlego ubala amabhisikidi njengoba ewathatha embizeni.

“Lilodwa, mabili, mathathu, mane, mahlanu!”

UTlotlego uya esitubhini futhi ubeka amabhisikidi emapuletini.

"Lilodwa, mabili, mathathu, mane, ma…?"

"Ngibona amabhisikidi amane kuphela," kusho uGogo,

"kodwa singabantu abahlanu."

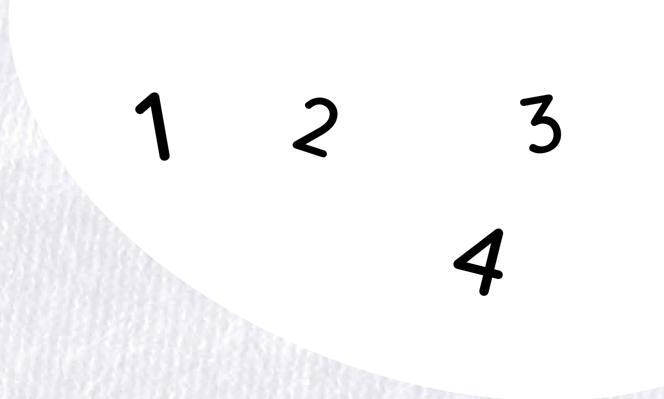
UTlotlego udidekile kakhulu.
Uyazi ukuthi ubelokhu ebala kahle.

Ngaphambi kokuba abe namabhisikidi amahlanu, futhi manje asemane kuphela.

Anciphe **KANJANI** amabhisikidi manje?

UTlotlego ubala amaqhuzu kashukela njengoba ewathatha embizeni.

“Linye, mabili, mathathu, mane, mahlanu!”

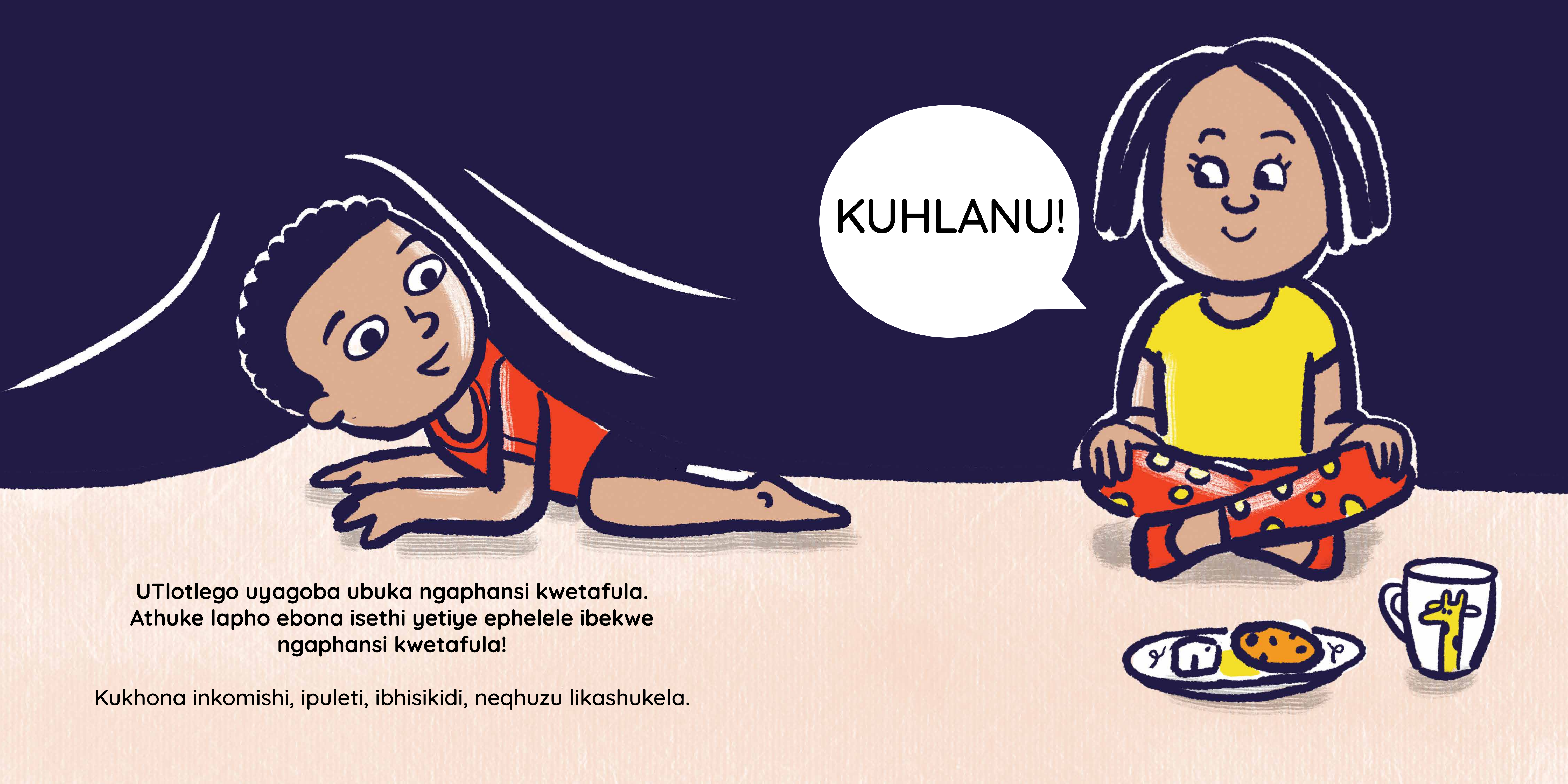


UTlotlego uya esitubhini lapho ebeka khona amaqhuzu kashukela etafuleni.

Ngalesi sikhathi, unesiqiniseko sokuthi uzwa ukuhleka.

“Linye, mabili, mathathu, mane, ma…?”

“Mahlanu!” kumemeza izwi ngaphansi kwetafula.



UTlotlego uyagoba ubuka ngaphansi kwetafula. Athuke lapho ebona isethi yetiye ephelele ibekwe ngaphansi kwetafula!

Kukhona inkomishi, ipuleti, ibhisikidi, neqhuzu likashukela.

Lapho uMama noBaba bebuya emsebenzini, baphuza bonke itiye esitubhini.

Oyedwa, ababili, abathathu kubo bephuza itiye etafuleni, ababili babo

baphuza itiye ngaphansi kwetafula!